

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Robert Stackrow upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Averill Park-Sand Lake Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Firefighter Robert Stackrow upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Averill Park-Sand Lake Volunteer Fire Department at its Installation Dinner on Saturday, May 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Robert Stackrow joined the Averill Park-Sand Lake Volunteer Fire Department in 1962; for 50 years he has been a First Responder, Interior Firefighter, Apparatus Driver and Pump Operator; he has taken on leadership as well, serving as a line officer and as President of the Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Firefighter Robert Stackrow is a 20 year member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, 10 of which he served as Chairman; during his productive tenure with this esteemed Board he stabilized and transformed the finances of the Fire District, which resulted in significant savings to the taxpayer and greater fiscal well-being for the community; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the people they serve; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; Robert Stackrow is such a firefighter; throughout 50 years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter Robert Stackrow for 50 years of distinguished service to the Averill Park-Sand Lake Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Stackrow.